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16. [REDACTED] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say that he and Jim Calloway, of the Committee staff, had their hands full and that until further notice Arnold Smith would be the one we should work with on the transcripts. He asked that we keep Smith informed of any further developments in connection with the Watergate and Ellsberg matters.

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17. [REDACTED] Senator Stuart Symington called to say he was troubled by an apparent inconsistency between one of General Walters' memos of 28 June 1972 and Walters' testimony at today's hearing. The memo had quoted Haldeman as saying the "President" had decided that Walters' should ask Acting FBI Director Gray to hold off certain investigations lest they jeopardize Agency assets. However, General Walters had testified today that the President had not been identified personally in the matter. I called this to General Walters' attention, who called Symington to say that when he prepared the memo, several days after the meeting, he had been under the impression that the President had been identified in the conversation but when he showed the memo to Helms, Helms had corrected this impression and he reminded Symington that General Walters had pointed this out while in the hearing today.

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18. [REDACTED] Sidney Buford, State Department, called to ask if we had responded to requests for our views on S. Con. Res. 23. I said I did not know offhand but would have [REDACTED] call him tomorrow.

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19. [REDACTED] Senator Symington called to say that (a) he would like us to make sure that Helms carefully reviews his testimony at the time of his confirmation before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, before he appears before that Committee next Monday, and (b) Symington is still somewhat troubled by an inconsistency between a memo by General Walters of 28 June 1972 and today's testimony (I tried to explain the facts to him which I understood General Walters had already done), and (c) Symington has decided not to hear Sam Adams at this time.

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